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In June, 1995, in an effort to increase their community missions, the Sisters of Mercy sold Mercy Hospital and its holdings (including Mercy School of Nursing) to the Charlotte Mecklenburg Hospital Authority. This change creates "a caring combination" and the future is sure to hold many exciting prospects. . .

Times of Change

What will we do, what will we say
When tomorrow is today
When the light of the world no longer
Shines before us, but within our souls
When the times have changed and left us
With the world ahead
When the followers of the dream become
the leaders of reality
When the search for the sun is
found in the mind
When struggle brings patience
and patience brings hope
When faith is the answer and truth
is the key
When we praise our God for
the door ahead and thank Him
for where we stand.
Our road is never ending
Time will change without stopping
The questions are endless and the
answers are unknown
Hope is our weapon
Pride is our shield
Life is a war of changes
With hope we fight the battle
With faith we win the war

-Brian Wensil

1996 Mercilite Dedication:

Gale Hancock

Pam Hatley

We, the class of 1996, dedicate this 49th edition of Mercilite to not one, but two very special people.

These two ladies keep the day-to-day operations of the school of Nursing running smoothly, while always finding the time to answer the many questions we students have. At times, we ask things they couldn't possibly know but they never fail to give us a smile and help us find our answer.

May we never forget their caring mannerisms and all of their hard work "behind the scenes." As we advance into our chosen profession, these are qualities we should all strive to carry with us whenever we go. Thank you, Gale and Pam, for your many contributions to Mercy School of Nursing and to each of our lives.

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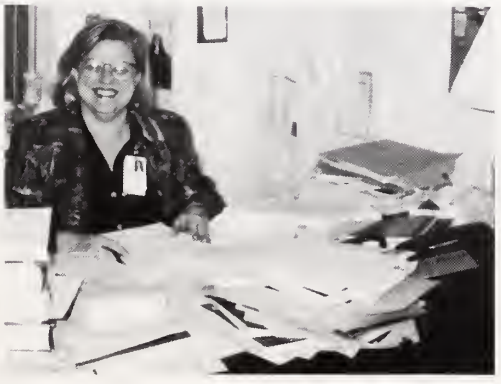

SENIORS

Here we stand, one journey ended and another about to begin. The path of our class has not been an easy one. We have been both humbled and exalted in our new found knowledge - not only of nursing but of ourselves. In spite of it all we have persevered because we never lost sight of our goals. The vision may have dimmed at times but deep within the light still flickered and now we are ready to shine forth. When all is said and done, we will look back on our experiences and smile. We can't help but ultimately see the good because, after all, WE ARE NURSES!

— Brenda Patyk

Class Officers

Front to Back: Barbara Zonoun - Secretary; Pat Amon - Social Committee; Atul Patel - President; Linda Strong - Hearing & Appeals Committee; Victoria Gilreath - Treasurer; Shane Kaylor - Vice President

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Camera- Shy Seniors

(They may have been missing on picture day, but we won't forget them!)

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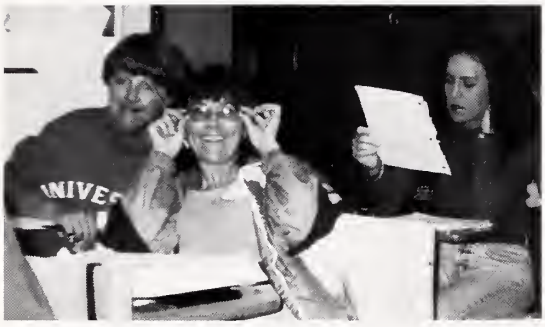
Cheryl Wall

Jill Washam



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May Cheung

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Lynn Serach, Leslie Cobb

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Cheryl Meehan

Brenda Patyk

SENIORS

FAST TRACK

A class of ***Nine*** going where no Mercy class has gone before.

Nine of us, not even enough for a study group.

Nine of us with no where to hide, not even from ourselves.

Nine of us pulling, pushing each other with prayers, words, and deeds.

Nine X2 months of stress, worry, and hard work. Wishing it would end, and at times afraid it would.

We are a small class of ***Nine***, a blessed class of ***Nine***, and like an only child, receiving nothing but attention.

With a very special thanks to a supportive upper class, and to instructors who endured the ***"Class of Nine."***

—— David Hemphill

Julie Deese - President

Fast Track Class L to R: Deb Smith, Julie Deese, Jan Thompson, Shawn Gaddy, Eric Tomten, Tammy Price, David Hemphill, Donna Glaze. Not pictured: Kriste Eskew

SENIOR CLASS OF 1996 – FAST TRACK

Julie Deese
Class President

Donna Glaze
NSNA

David L. Hemphill
SGA
Campus Ministries Chairman

Tammy K. Price
NSNA

AUDITORIUM
DOWN STAIRS

FRESHMEN

"United we stand; divided we fall", seems to be the theme for this year's freshman class. The students worked as a team - unsure of what was to come, but confident in that they would not only survive, but conquer their chosen profession of nursing. As the year began, the freshmen were as toddlers, taking their first steps. Clinicals, tests, and competencies were new to everyone. Throughout the year, however, these things have become common place. The freshmen have matured into responsibile nursing students. They now seek and accomplish many new techniques. With these new techniques came a little more freedom and responsibility. Now they can do some things on their own without the instructors holding their hands. They work together as a team and now accomplish great things in nursing care.

Lisa Gullet & Julie Johnson

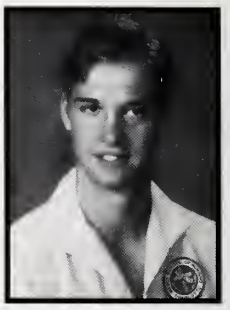
Lori Eckert - Vice President, Janice Hartsell - Social Committee, Kristen Geisler - Secretary, Chad Crouser - President, Susan Oxendine - Hearing & Appeals Committee, Julie Johnson - Yearbook Representative. Not pictured, Kim Brown - Treasurer

FRESHMEN CLASS OF 1997

Janelle Adair

Norma S. Brooks

Susan E. Coleman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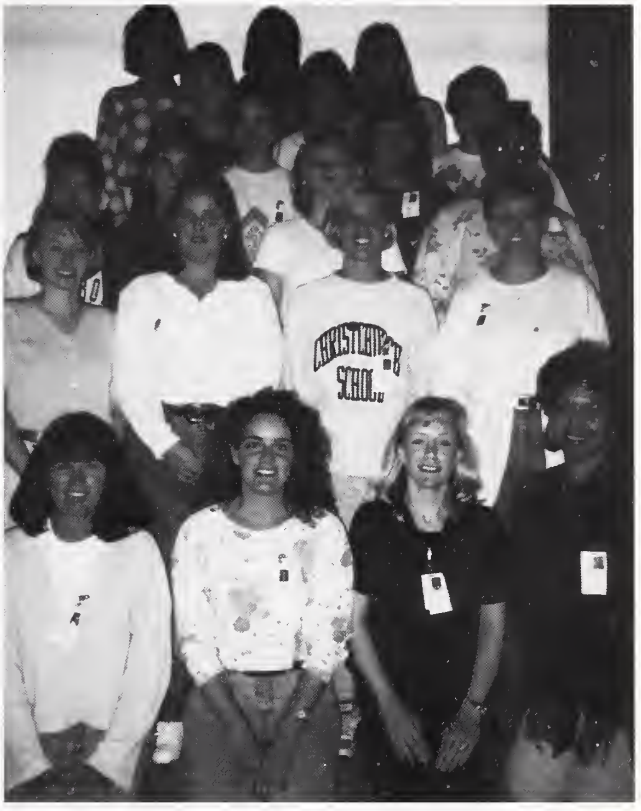
EXIT

Class of '97 - (Spring Admission)

In Spring 1996, twenty students were admitted who will graduate in November, 1997.



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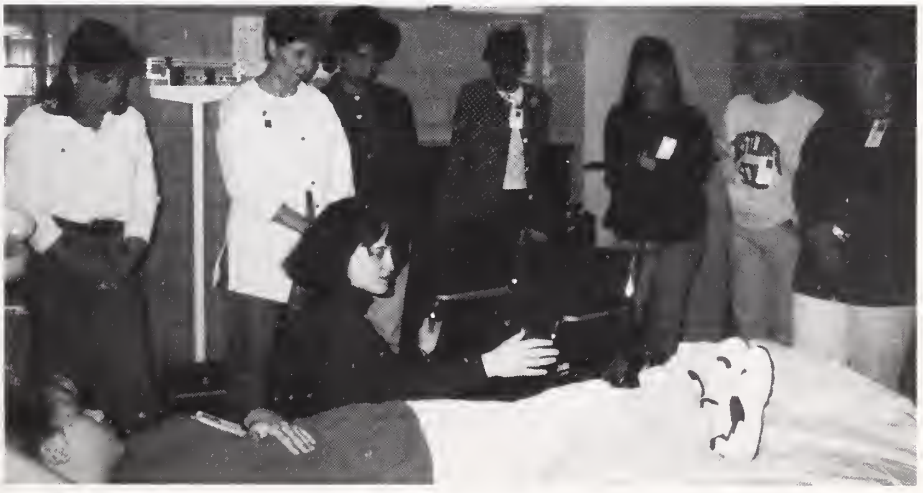
April Tegler - Social Committee Representative



ORGANIZATIONS

. . . times of accomplishments

Mercy School of Nursing Honor Society

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Officers - Left to Right: Meredith Greer - President
Victoria Gilreath - Induction Officer
Darlene Durban - Treasurer
Tara McMillan - Advisor

Student Government Association

Officers

Left to Right: David Hemphill - Campus Ministry Chairman; Debby Broughton - Secretary/Yearbook Co-Editor;Alicia Adamczyk -President; Pat Amon - 2nd Vice President; Jill Tomlinson - Yearbook Co-Editor; Chris Wilson - 1st Vice President. Not pictured Terri Brown - Treasurer.

NSNA

Officers

Left to Right: Kim Galindo - Breakthrough to Nursing Director; Sherry Rodgers - Treasurer; Lori Eckert - President; Dawn Middleton - VicePresident; Kristen Geisler - Secretary.

Hearing and Appeals Committee

Left to Right: Susan Oxendine, Linda Strong, Julie Deese

Campus Ministry

Left to Right: Rhonda Smith, Marianne Thomas, Alicia Adamczyk, Meredith Greer, Chris Wilson, David Hemphill - Chairman.

Residence Council

Nita Johnson and Shannon Greene

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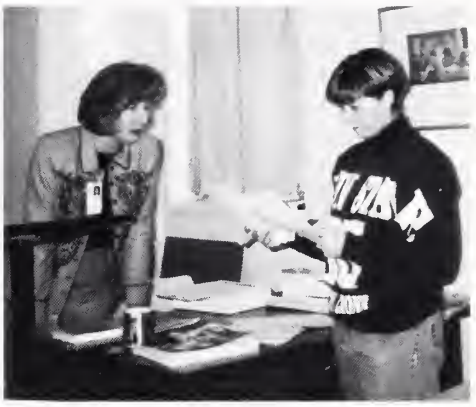
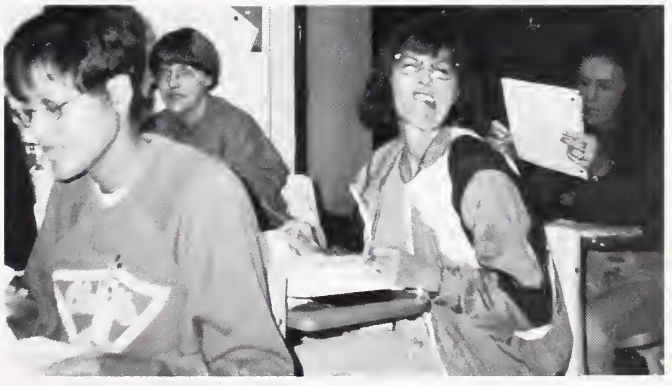
CLASSROOM

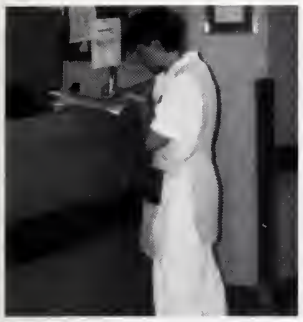
. . . times of learning





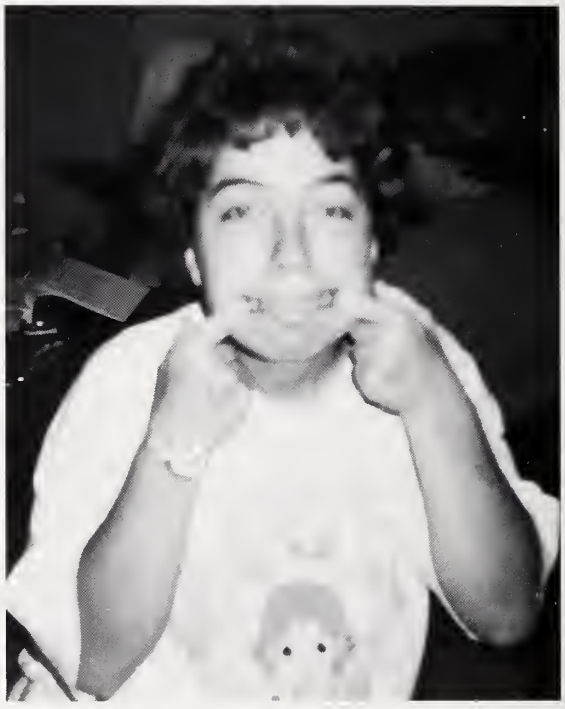
CLINICAL

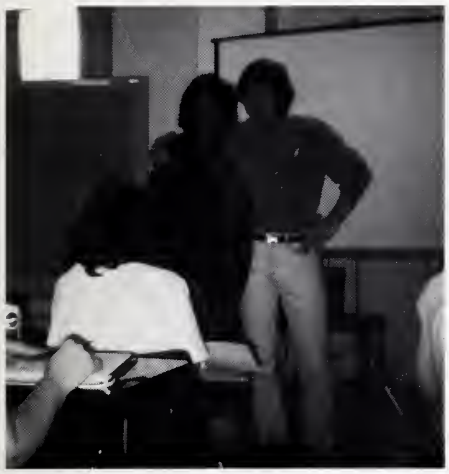
. . . times of caring

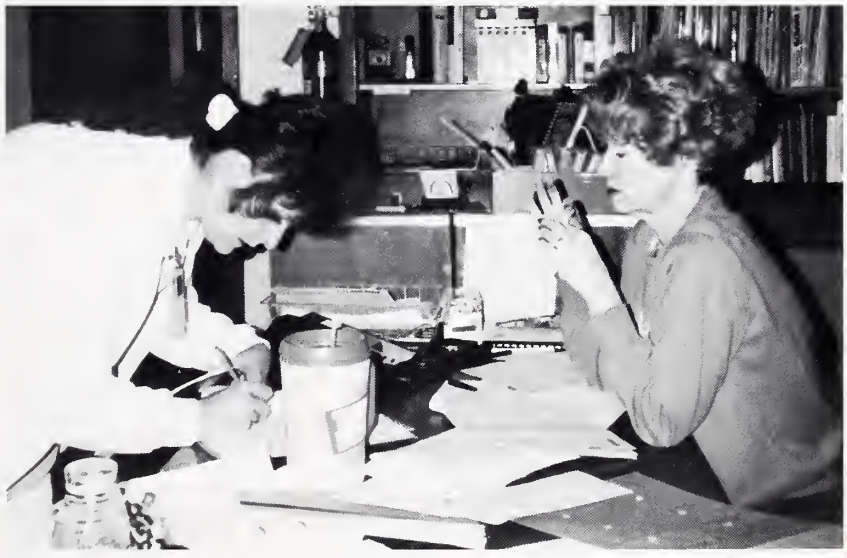


STUDENT LIFE

. . . times of fun







Test Anxiety!

One of Jill's many talents. . .

Darlene diagnoses Atul with ascites.

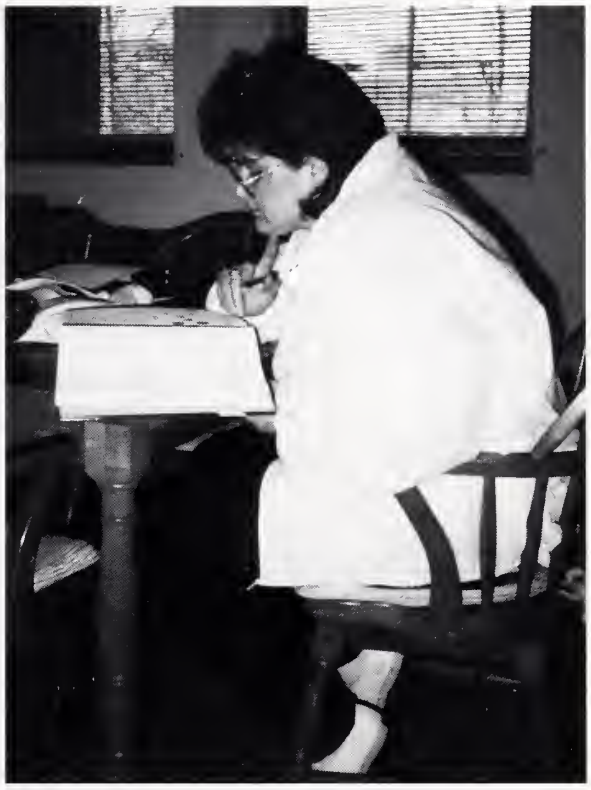
Uh, is this the correct position
to perform the Heimlich maneuver?

Don't be a dummy, practice safe sex.

How many
blondes
does it
take to
operate
a camera?

Senior Roll

We eat, we sleep, we study . . .



You've come a LONG way, Pat.

Congratulations on your graduation!

You've made us all extremely proud!

We love you!

Gnat
&
Rudi

Debby,

Congratulations! Soon all of your hard work will pay off. We are extremely proud of you. Remember--the best is yet to come!

All our love,
Forever and then some-
Andy, Ashley, and Drew

Dear Alicia-
Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. We love you very much and are very proud of you.

Congratulations!
Mom & Dad

Debby,

We are so very proud of all that you have accomplished!

Love,
Mom and Dad

Dearest Shannon,

You have known since you were a little girl that you wanted to be a nurse. We've watched you follow that dream and now you are almost there. Our prayer is for God to bless you, keep you safe, and use you to serve others for His glory. We love you bunches and are very proud of your accomplishments.

All our love,
Mom, Dad,
and Ryan

"I want to be a Nurse!"

A goal was set; now it's been achieved.
This is a life-long accomplishment
not everyone has ever been able to do.
Strength, dedication, determination,
and a will to succeed are qualities
anyone could ask for, but never
receive. All these qualities
and more come from a loving
wife, mother, friend, and nurse.

We love and support you!
Michael, Amber, Mieloka.

Diane Marie Steigel

What makes people succeed
is the fact that they have confidence in themselves
and a very strong sense of purpose
They never have excuses for not doing something
and always try their hardest for perfection
They never consider the idea of failing
and they work extremely hard towards their goals
They know who they are
and they understand their weaknesses
as well as their strong points
They can accept and benefit from criticism
and they know when to defend what they are doing
They are creative people
who are not afraid to be a little different
You are one of these rare
people and it is exciting to
watch you on your path to
success as you follow your
dreams and make them
a reality

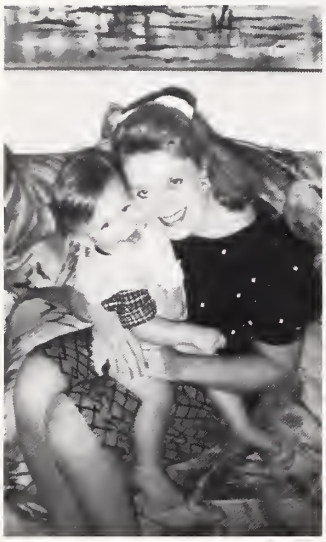
Love,
Mom and Dad

Audrey:

Congratulations on creating a bright new future! We know the sacrifices you've made and you know how hard it has been to stick with it. But you have, and we're very proud of you.

We Love You.

Dad, Mom, Katherine, Eric



Alicia, we are very proud

of you & happy that you are

doing what the Lord has

called you to do.

We love You

Michael & Andrew

P.S. Bawwl

Audrey,
Congratulations! I am so proud of you. It has been a long hard road to graduation. Amazingly, with a husband and three children, this has been a great accomplishment. May your dreams come true.

Your Loving Husband,
Jim

Jim,
Without you- I would not have made it! Thank you and I Love You!

Audrey

Jill-
Our gift from God who will pass her gift on to others!
Mom & Dad

Darlene,

We are all so proud of you

Love, Your Family

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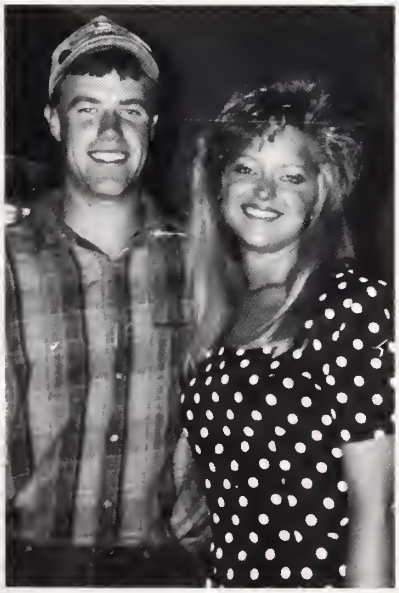
Jill,

You're almost there and I am so proud of you.

I Love You!

Nathan



To all the new friends I have made and to the old ones who stuck by me. Thanks! I couldn't have made it without you.

Jill

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